At no time had the place been entire- sidewise inquiringly. ly deserted. Several men had never been out of eyeshot of the bulletins. One of them, a shock-headed youth in everalls and wearing the cap of a government electrician, sat on the tone curbing by the entrance to the power station, smoking a small black pipe, seemingly more occupied with meditation than observation.

Most of the men who were now gatharing about the board, were coal miners on their way to the shafts. Here and there were electricians. The vastness of the power station from which they had come, was no more than suggested from where the crowd stood, the buildings being partially hid in a grove of

The groups of miners and electricians were almost silent. They seemed to take place of conjecture.

On the Verge of War.

In Washington the federal news edi- nevertheless, urging great necessity. tor apparently had worn out himself account of the all-night session of Con- you locked up for attempting desergress. As daylight came, the service tion." wabbled, and what had been a connected, well-sustained story of congresstional proceedings had slumped to a He wheeled around in his chair, and series of jerky bulletins of which the busied himself with the wires leading

"Williams still has the floor. He is

War seems inevitable." To the men starting for the shafts, a few hours earlier, to get such sleep and rest as they could.

While they stood watching, another bulletin came: "Congress has taken an hour's re-

ess for breakfast. No action." The coal miners in the crowd read this, and then started for work. Soon

which spent most of the night at the the young electrician was standing bebulletin-board were gathering again. side his desk. Then he glanced at him

Young Inventor Busy. "Mr. Shod," said the younger man, 'I want a two weeks' leave of absence." The elder then looked squarely at him but did not reply, merely brushing back his hair in an abstracted, preoccupied manner. The young man, waited for an answer without repeating his petition.

"Go back to work," said Shod, finally, seeming to dismiss the request as preposterous. He had started to speak calmly, but his manner changed, and he brought his fist down on the desk as he added sharply:

"Atsins, you make me think your crazy. Haven't you read the bulletins? Look here-a message from the chief, ly. 'We expect you to run double capacity to have exhausted comment and sur- from the instant war is declared.' mise, and to be waiting for the tangible Leave of absence! Man, go back to

work." Atsins became confused and awkwardly abashed; but he persisted, "If you even ask again," cried Shod, and his staff in keeping up a detailed becoming thoroughly angry. "I'll have

Daring Plan Explained.

He wheeled around in his chair, and last had come a half-hour before, read- off the keyboard on his desk. Atsins esitated an instant, and then suddenly lost his awkwardness and became alert. making no headway against the major. He bent over his senior, speaking rapidly, energetically, and sharply. He drew rom the inner pocket of his blouse a this carried no news which they had print, spreading it before Shod. The no known before they had gone away, anger of the older man gave way to astonishment. He was held spellbound by the younger's vehement ex- en bars. planation, until finally Atsins ceased talking, folded up his print, returned it to his pocket, and stood waiting.

Shod contemplated him silently for several moments. Then he said:

"You have a chance. It is too great there were left only a few scattered a chance to lose. It might be our sal-

itself no thought of the inevitable speaking rapidly, "to Sending Station product of incompetence urged into 10, the largest. Let him direct any action by rashness.

one appreciated so thoroughly the impending danger as did Montrus, the unortunate commander-in-chief of the small military forces.

Commander in Despair.

of electricity in the national univer-sity, when transferred to the military service, having, prior to this been an instructor in one of the national military schools. In appearance he was scholastic, his figure spare and bent, his hair and eyes gray, and his face

hin-jowled. He was alone in his office, looking out of the window across the Potomac— the only inactive figure in the War Department-when one of his aides entered the room.

"Curtis had been located," said the "He is at Kiel. We got his signal followed by some code which is being transcribed."

Another aide came in. "Curtis says he is effectually hidden, and can send electrigraphs if we can "Where is he?" asked Montrus eager-

Scouting the Upper Air.

their scouts, and thinks he is safely of Northern Europe. That the duties posted. He must be above them." "Can you reach him?"

"We have, but he warns us not to try often. I suppose his position is precarious at best.' "Tell him to send what he can," and doctors. swered Montrus. "I'll go into the It is t

lower to take it." A hundred yards farther us the Poomac, stood a gigantic tower, the exact longitude and latitude of which was lay in her provisions accordingly, with burned in the memory of every operative in the secret service. To this, Montus and his aides hastened, being carried directly to the summit by a lift. While the aides adjusted the films and reflector of the electro-photographer, Montrus stood at the railing looking out over the peaceful river scene and drumming his fingers on the wood-

"I think it is coming," said one of of the aides finally; and the general stepped over to adjust about his head the hood which shut all light from the eyes looking at the reflector.

Looking Across the Ocean.

nky darkness. Then came little waves cepted without offense. of dim light which rippled across its surface. These ripples became strong- respecting independence and its breezy, and mystic, seemed to rise out of its exhilerating, while the constant stream depths. They cleared away, and there of passengers and tourists, both old and grew up in their place the forms of a new, tends to the formation of pleasant city's roofs and towers, which stood acquaintances, at all seasons of travel. revealed in distinct outlines for a moment and then seemed to drop further board the Norwegian mail steamers is

White, fleecy clouds came between ness again, but light followed almost clouds, but finally a far-off flock of until they stood out each distinctly and | rich profusion throughout the Scandinseparately, clear-cut in outline and avian lands. These "post ladies," how-identity. There they stood.

Aerial Torpedo Boats.

over the river scene again.

"A hundred, I should say," he remarked at last, quietly, but in great bitterness. "Every one ready. In twenty-four hours from the time those awful fools in Congress declare war, those hundred torpedo ships will be which reached Miss Alice Roosevelt was here. Tell Curtis we've seen enough." turnips, the largest known in the art

window again. Nothing he could plan to Miss Roosevelt by a tiller of the soil could avert the calamity he had seen in Kansas, who said that the proud in readiness. Presently one of the farmers of this country should not be aides came in again.

side," he announced, "and insists on possible growths this winter with seeing you. We have done everything to get rid of him but throw him off the ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND. grounds."

The man stopped and waited expectantly. "Tell him-" said Montrus angrily,

but stopped. "Let him in," he concluded, sullenly.

Young Inventor to the Rescue. The aide went out and came back

with the shock-headed electrician who had spent the night before by the bulleand drew nearer, enlarging rapidly. too," the older man said; "do as you tin-board. His embarrassment was great, but his earnestness equalled it. The former showed in his awkward posture and twitching fingers; the lat-Atsins turned away instantly, and ter, in the direct look with which he

> "Well," exclaimed Montrus, sharply. excitedly, but ended brokenly in the "Here it is," he concluded, unfolding

Montrus cast one careless and a econd interested glance at the plans. In the early history of the nation He drew up a chair and studied them, preciation. Then he pushed them

"You seem to have something," he ignoring this wisdom of one of their said. "Some other time—, if there's earliest statesmen. The nation had never lost its complacency—had never other time I'll look at them. But not

Death to Distant Fleet.

"But you don't understand," exly. "Now's the time, don't you see? Mrs. Longworth. Huge potatoes were That will direct a million volts—two also sent from South Dakota, where

wo men looked at each other, and, as open the door, went the length of the middle aged. gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a de 2 in the center of the middle aged. gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a de 2 in the center of the center of the middle aged. gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a de 2 in the center of the middle aged. gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a de 2 in the center of the middle aged. gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a de 2 in the center of the middle aged. gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a de 2 in the center of the sale and men entered from the preparation. The nation in general knew this, but allowed men the face of the reflector.

Then he pressed a series of buttons on his desk, and men entered from different doors.

"Take this young man Mr. — ?"

"Not a name," said Atsins. "Just an idea."

"Not a name," said Atsins. "Just an idea."

"Take this idea," continued Montrus, now."

changes he desires. Tell Susquehanna to give us ten times the usual power from now until notified otherwise." The men started to obey, and Atsins

to follow his guides, when Montrus stepped to him, holding out his hands. "I hope you succeed," he said.
"I—I can't fail," stammered the

young man. (To be continued.)

ACTIVE NORWEGIAN WOMEN.

Occupy Good Positions as Stewards on Coasting Steamers.

Bright young women in Norway find a rational and congenial employment in a vocation which has not been invaded by their sex in this country. The many steamers that plow the Norwegian fjords and Scandinavian estuaries and rivers employ young women to see to the commisarat and to arrange for the personal comfort of travelers on board. Their official designation is that of "auxiliary ship's officer." That their occupation is a pleasant one is proved by the numerous applications at steamboat offices from young Danish, Swedish and Norwegian ladies anxious to secure such positions. This life on the inland lakes and rivers, is stated in fact to be immensely popu-"He says he is out of the path of lar with the strong and energetic girls involved necessitate a girl's having a head on her shoulders goes without saying, and many of the applicants are daughters of either naval or professional men, such as lawyers and

It is the duty of the "auxiliary ship's officer," to ascertain from the purser of the ship how many passengers are booked on the outgoing voyage and to an eye to ample supplies, at the same time avoiding any risk in the matter of waste. She is further responsible for the tastefully laid table and for such additional house-linen as may be required in the cabins during the voyage. Plate, china and even kitchen utensils are generally her own property, so that she must necessarily possess business ability in her selection and care. Payments are arranged at so much per head and the lady steward nets the profits over and above the actual expenses, and beyond this may depend upon complimentary contributions from the traveler, which being a cus-At first this remained in black and tomary thing, may be offered and ac-

Such an occupation with its selfindistinct shapes, unrecognizable open-air serroundings, is healthful and

Another post filled by women on and further down into the reflector. | that of "postal official." Two of these young ladies always travel together, the eye and the city's roofs, the lat-ter growing less and less distinct. the mail bags to and from the points There was a sweep of a dark object of embarkation and arrival. During athwart the clouds. It crossed the enthe voyage, the time of these girls is tire reflector, blotting it out in black-practically their own, and they generally may be seen employing it in proinstantly. Again nothing but the white ducing those much-admired "Hosfilds foernings"-the beautiful Norwegian specks, which came nearer and nearer embroideries to be met with in such ever, never allow their elaborate needle work to jeopardize their official posi-Montrus almost held his breath as he tion as government employes; for long ran his eyes over them. For ten min-tes he studied. Then he drew the from his head, and looked out standing, as it were, at attention. By reason of the precious burdens they bear, they are the first to leave the boat.

Miss Roosevelt's Turnips.

The first instalment of wedding gifts With that he went back to his office, of farming. These mammoth affairs and in moodiness took his post by the "Colonel Sellers' Fruit", were shipped outdone by the jewelers, and that they "A government electrician is out have worked hard to produce the best



which to stock the cellar of the future were fork with its millions, and Washington with its institutions, secured all power from the wires charged by the synamos of the Susquehanna District. The shock-headed electrician kept his to impossible. Their history, a record again to impossible. Their history, a record to a one-story brick butters.



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HE WAS HELD SPELLBOUND BY THE VEHEMENT EXPLANATION.

groups; but the shock-headed electri-f vation. I'll inform the chief." cian still sat on the curb and smoked his black pipe.

Mail by Airship.

A speck developed in the eastern sky sight, and landed at the areoplane station near the entrance to the power station. A mail clerk came down the elevator after the sacks had been thrown into the chute. He was questhe bulletins had given them.

was flashed on the board: "Williams says that opposition to he was aboard just in time.
the majority will cease. War will be declared before night."

rapidly through the gates and on into the grounds of the power station.

Vast Central Power Station.

power areas into which the country lar demand for war, and least prepared claimed Atsins, quickly and vehementwas divided. Its coal mines were of to carry it on.

se came to a one-story brick building taken without preparation, did not marked over its doorway, with the serve to destroy this illusion—it was their moorings if it works?" he asked, miring farmers.

Will the ships at Kiel ever leave to the national life.

The rounded by beds of sweet-peas, wnich

He reached over toward the keyboard but Atsing put out a restraining hand and held him, shaking his head in

vigorous protest. "Well, I guess you are right there,

Catches Airship for Capital. again with rapid stride went through sought the general's eyes. the grounds. On looking at his watch, he broke into a run heading for the tioned eagerly by the men still stand-ing about the bulletin board, but had aeroplane station. By quick sprinting to look at it—I thought—," he began aothing of news later than that which he reached the lift just as it was making its last trip up to connect with the face of a cold stare from Montrus. As he stood talking, another message fast Washington mail ship. It touched as he came out on the platform, and the prints.

At that the shock-headed youth arose there had been a much applauded the moodiness giving away to keen apsuddenly from the curbstone, walked maxim: "In time of peace, prepare for preciation. Then he pushed them war." The people had never deviated away. from their policy of applauding and The Susquehanna Coal and Power never lost its complacency-had never District, supplying not only Washing- succeeded in disillusioning itself. It now. I can't now." all purposes of light, heat, and power, it was quickest to resent an injury, was the largest of the government fancied or real, surest to raise a popu-

be came to a one-story brick building taken without preparation, did not

Now popular outery was forcing ana gardner then was watering. The other war. At any moment, Congress, Montrus stared, he saw also in his roung man went up the graveled walk which had been in the throes of debate mental vision those hundred dark

He had been dean of the Department

In all this unprepared country, no